



Grassy Island Lighthouse, Green Bay, Wis. ca 1940

Light House, Green Bay, Wis.



Grassy Island Lighthouse (Range Lights) in 1908.

In 1838, Congress provided \$4,000 to establish a lighthouse on Grassy Island in Lake Michigan. To the dismay of local merchants, the lighthouse was not immediately constructed because the location was "nearly underwater." Instead a lighthouse was established at Tail Point.

Finally, in 1866, the federal government provided \$30,000 to dredge the channel entry of the Fox River at Green Bay. The result was a cut through the middle of Grassy Island which allowed for a straight approach into the River.

Although construction funds of \$11,000 were approved in 1866, the Grassy Island Lighthouse was first lit on November 15, 1872 by lighthouse keeper, Joseph Wing.